

SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH

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St. Stephen's – Founded 1866
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Founded 1882

MASSES ON SUNDAYS:

8:30 AM 10:00 AM & 12 NOON

5:00 PM on Saturday

MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:

Monday 8:30 AM

Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

Adoration: First Friday each month @ 7:15 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:45– 4:30 P.M. as well as by appointment.

For Holiday and Special Mass Schedules, please call the Rectory and press extension number 4 for specific details.

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Parish Trustees and Advisors

BAPTISMS:

To prepare for the sacrament of Baptism, parents and godparents should plan to attend the 10:00 AM Mass on the second Sunday of the month followed by a Baptismal preparation meeting.

Parents must come to the Parish Office with a copy of the birth certificate one month before your planned Baptism.

SICK CALLS:

Please call and arrange for the sacrament of anointing whenever anyone is seriously ill.

MARRIAGES:

Please call the rectory at least 6 months ahead for an appointment with a Priest.

WELCOME:

Adults who are interested in learning more about or joining the Catholic Faith please call the rectory. Adults who have not completed the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation) please call the rectory.

ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.GIVECENTRAL.ORG/SHSS

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to 5:00 (Closed for Lunch from 1-2) Friday 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday 9:00 to 1:00

Office closed Sunday

No evening hours at the present time.

**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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- MON. MARCH 7, 2022**
8:30 Louise Dellaporte & Joseph Marchetti
BY: Catherine & Family
- TUE. MARCH 8, 2022**
8:30 Anna Massie
- WED MARCH 9, 2022**
8:30 Concetta Battista Scotto
BY: Andrew Di Manso
- THURS. MARCH 10, 2022**
8:30 Marie Hertsel
BY: Daughter Marlene Olivieri & Family
- FRI. MARCH 11, 2022**
8:30 Elizabeth DeMeglio
BY: Loving Family
7:00 PM Stations of The Cross
- SAT. MARCH 12, 2022**
8:30 Angelo & Chiara Bonvino
BY: Joseph & Maria Bonvino
5:00 M/M Alfonse & Jean Cipaldo
BY: Daughters Angela & Debra
- SUN MARCH 12, 2022**
8:30 John Dabbene
BY: Camille & Anthony Trani
10:00 Frank Spinelli
BY: Terry Scotto Spinelli
Noon Lucy & Frank Emilio
BY: Vinny & Mike Emilio



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Bread & Wine for the week of
March 6th has been donated
In Memory of
SEBASTIAN MANFRE
BY: Lucille Gaudino

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



Sunday Collection 2/27	\$ 1,510.00
*Envelopes & cash	
On Line Donations	\$ 2,400.50
Total Sunday 2/27	\$3,910.50
Annual Weekly Expenses**	\$14,325.00
Difference:	\$10,414.50

**Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



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Please join us on Monday,
March 7th in the Parish House
for an informal discussion about
Ordinary Grace
by William Ken Krueger.
For those of you who plan ahead, our next meeting
will be on April 4th.
We will be discussing
By Brazil-Maru
Karen Yamashita All are welcome.
We hope to see you there.



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LENT 2022
40 ITEMS FOR
40 DAYS

During Lent, this church is collecting toiletry
supplies to create disaster relief kits for locations in
need.

Donations requested:

- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Face cloths
- Combs
- Brushes
- Toilet Paper

Donations will be collected during weekends in Lent
from Wednesday, March 2nd to Thursday April
14th. Donation boxes will be placed in the rear of
the church.

Please help Faith by works. Show that you care.
Thank you!



Pray For

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Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish and community who are ill, hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially:

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| Jonelle Bernardo, | Helena Rolla |
| Brad Hatry | Gertrude Zagarella |
| Michelle Laquercia | Irene Balen |
| Judith DeArmen | John Nigro |
| Judith Miller | Salvatore Salerno |
| Diane Barchuk | Addy Wardrope |
| Carol DeMairo | Anthony Gambardella |
| Anthony Tilocca | Anthony Turco |
| Roe Gambardella | Elizabeth Foley |
| Ann Curcuru | Dora Zanzonico |
| Lamar McNabb | Louis D'Angelo |
| Carol Montelbano | Gina Salta |
| Anthony Manfre | Celeste Internicola |
| Emma Huckerby | Kristin Quail |
| Louann Gambardella | Robert Janicke |
| Dominick Aiello, Jr. | Mark Carles |
| Erica Concino | Bernadette Janicke |
| Susan Hannan | Evan Marra |
| Hector Jimenez | Darren Munio |
| Abigail Memmesheimer | Sophia Rotunno |
| Philip Saraceno | Vittorio Di Turi |
| Maria Anjelica Patino Laquercia | Phyllis Bracco |
| Joan Di Tucci | Terry Daniti |



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Our Church is open each Wednesday from noon until 2:00 PM for private prayer. You are encouraged to stop by for this quiet time with the Lord.

We hope to see you there!

Attention



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Tax letters are delayed and will be mailed to all parishioners shortly. Any parishioner who donated to our parish in the year 2021

whether on line, in person or by mail, will receive this letter. Please give the letter a chance to reach you as you know the mail delivery in our area leaves much to be desired.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity and support of this great parish. We are grateful for all you do to help sustain us.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2022

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn

and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

- Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative,
- Catholic Charities;
- Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains;
- Diocesan Vocations Office;
- Catholic Migration Services;
- Office of Faith Formation;
- Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy;
- Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.



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PARISH GOAL: \$36,274.00
RAISED SO FAR: 5,430.00



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Dear Parish Family,

As we enter this great season of Lent we are called again to walk closer to the Lord. It is a time to come to know Christ in the depths of our being. It is a time not to punish ourselves for our failures, but rather a time to be immersed in our Baptismal Promises in which we promised to follow the Lord. Lent is time to come home to truth about God and ourselves. The ministry of Christ was to defeat the power of evil in all of its manifestations.

This Sunday of Lent readies us for the struggle with evil as we read about the Temptations of Christ. Temptations are part of everyone's life. Temptations present us with half truths and the promise of happiness for the moment. The key to avoiding temptation is to love God more than the temptation. To love Jesus more than the temptation. Remember, the Love of Christ impels us to disdain all that Christ disdains and to do all that Christ has commanded us to do. In the Gospel, the devil represents all evil. The devil is the great divider. Where God seeks unity, the devil seeks to separate us from God and others. The devil is the sower of untruths and half truths. Avoid evil at all costs.

The story of the Temptations of Christ serves to instruct us in the reality that when we resolve to do something good, wholesome and holy, we will be tempted not to keep the resolution. Temptations come to all of us. Temptations comes in very attractive ways and oftentimes present us with half truths. Temptations always seem reasonable. So, let us look at an example. You have resolved to go to Mass every day for Lent. This is a good thing. Now come a day when the weather is not good. It is too cold to go out or there is too much work to do at the office at this time and I cannot take a lunch break. The temptation not to go sounds reasonable. After all, one day is not going to hurt, right? I will go the next day. Yes, but we forgot there is a sacrifice we are making. So, we may have to brave the weather, stay later at work.

Beware of these great temptations:

1. The temptations to be someone you are not. To present ourselves in ways that are not true. To act in such a way that we lead others to think wrongly about who we are. This happens when we are trying to impress others or are struggling with our own self acceptance. Who are you really? The first reading today directs us to remember who you are. You are Catholic. You have a relationship with God and you are loved by God and many other people. You have a great self worth which is given to you by God.

2. The temptation to immediate satisfaction. I want what I want and I want it now. This is universal. Oftentimes we surround ourselves with things, we buy things to make us happy and to make us feel good all the while running away from our problems and things which need to be addressed. What do you really want? Many of us are always moving from one thing to the next. Some rarely stay with one job or stay in one place long enough to settle down. Even their spirits never seem satisfied.

3. The temptation for power. This also is universal. Everyone needs to be in charge of something in order to feel important. There is a need to be in control of others, of ourselves and our surrounding. This quest for power is found everywhere. For example, how often do we hold the power of knowledge over others? I know something you do not know and that gives me power. It is found in the workplace, at home and in the halls of government. The temptations to power are found in the community, in the parish, in the church. This temptation affects everyone. There is even a temptation to do the right things for the wrong reasons. In dealing with temptations and self-examination of our motivations, keep in mind that the devil or the tempter is always a liar. Christ has conquered all evil.

Have a blessed Lent and remember, Christ wins all the time.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Lent is a great season of hope. It is the time of the year that the earth itself is preparing for new life. Lent is a call to renewal; renewal of our spirits, our lives and our very being. Lent is a time to grow in our personal relationship with Christ through scripture readings and reverent reception of the Eucharist. It is time to know the Lord in a deeper and more meaningful way. So let us try to move from cultural Catholicism to convicted Catholicism.

The practices of Lent are motivated by renewal and hope. Fasting and abstinence from food is an ancient Lenten practice. Fasting is found in many Christian and non-Christian communities for both spiritual growth and social justice awareness. Fasting means not eating. This can be done in many ways. One may fast from eating in between meals. One may fast from eating a particular food for a period of time. For example, one may fast on bread or sweets etc. The fasting need not be a painful experience. The purpose of the self denial is to remind you that Christ gave up his life willing for you. This fasting you are doing is to gently remind you of this article of our faith. Secondly, this fasting can help the poor. The money saved from fasting which you otherwise might of spent can be given to the poor or given to help someone else. Above all, your Lenten practices should move your prayer life to be more Christ centered and more merciful to others. If this is not happening, change your prayer routine.

To help you with the Fasting and Abstinence, the Catholic Church requires all aged 14 and over not to eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent. This is to remind us of the death of Christ on a Friday. Those ages 14 to 59 are asked to fast on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday. This means one may only eat one main meal. Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

While fasting is commendable and should be done, I also urge you to do positive acts for Lent. This is a season which invites us to make room for God in our busy lives. It is time to pray in new ways. I may suggest that you pray the Stations of the Cross perhaps two stations a week until Easter. While focusing on the sufferings of Christ, ask yourself where you may be in this particular station. For example, the first station Jesus is condemned to death. For a meditation think of acceptance of things and situations which we cannot change. How difficult acceptance of loss or change can be. Another meditation: have you or someone you know suffered an injustice? Has someone you know been condemned to death due to a cancer or a terrible sickness which is unfair? If so, then you have found your prayer for this first station of the Cross.

I suggest reading Sacred Text. Perhaps read the Lenten Gospels proclaimed each day at Mass during Lent. This will keep you in line with the praying Church. As you read, ask yourself where am I in this Gospel? What stands out in this Gospel for me? Sit with the Gospel for ten minutes a day. It will be a great experience. I highly recommend that you join the parish on the days we have ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. The Blessed Sacrament is the real presence of Christ with us. I ask you to take time to sit in silence in the presence of the Lord. Allow this mysterious and wonderful sacrament to contemplate you and you to contemplate the Lord. Adoration of the Sacrament will make celebration of the Eucharist more meaningful. Allow this to be a time of growth for your Spirit.

I wish you a fruitful Lenten Season.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie